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*The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury's Letter  
to the Lords the Bishops within his Grace's  
Province.*



After my hearty Commendations. I have lately received Letters from His Majesty, wherein He takes notice of the continuance and increase of some bold Abuses and Extravagancies in the Church, especially in Preachers, notwithstanding His great Indulgence used towards them: And foreseeing the mischief and inconveniencies likely to ensue thereupon, if not timely prevented and repressed, Hath out of His Princely and tender Care of the Peace of the Church, sent withal certain Directions to be strictly observed by the Bishops in their several Dioceses (as by the Copies thereof which I have sent here inclosed, your Lordship will more fully understand) And for the more speedy dispatch and ease in the Communication, hath been Graciously pleased to Command so many Copies thereof to be Printed as shall be needful, a proportionable number whereof will be forthwith sent unto your  
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Lordship for your Dioceſe. Now-as we cannot but with all thankfulneſs acknowledge His Maſtieſ Affectionate Care and Zeal in this His providing for the good and welfare of the Church, by all means which He finds may be conducive thereunto; So my earneſt deſire and hope is, We ſhall not be ſo much wanting to our own good, as not to ſecond thoſe His Maſtieſ Commands with the utmoſt of our endeavours; But that your Lordſhip, when you ſhall have given order for the careful diſperſing and communicating thoſe Copies, as is required, will by your diligent Inſpection, and ſerious Admonitions to your Clergy, as occaſion ſhall be offered, be able in due time to return an Accompt of the ſucceſs in the Obſervation, anſwerable to His Maſtieſ Expectation and Pious Deſires in this His Injunction. And ſo with my Prayers to God for a Bleſſing upon your Endeavours herein, I commit you to His holy protection, and reſt

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Your Lordſhips

Very loving Friend and Brother,



W. CANT.

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